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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	09/367,543
Filing Date	August 16, 1999
First Named Inventor	Alexandr Alexandrovich MIROSHIN
Group Art Unit	1772
Examiner Name	S.F. Hon
Attorney Docket No.	8472-018

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Preliminary Amendment
- ii.  Declaration of Inventors Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  1) copy of English translation of priority document, Russian Federation Application No. 98101616; and  
2) copy of Corrected Filing Receipt dated October 23, 2000

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

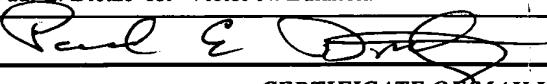
a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150:

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), estimated to be \$ 750.00
- ii.  Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$ 110.00 for a one (1) month extension, the request for which is being made herewith
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Alexandr Alexandrovich MIROSHIN *et al.*

Application No.: 09/367,543

Group Art Unit: 1772

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For: A POLARIZER AND LIQUID  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

As a result of this Preliminary Amendment submission, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-captioned application prior to examination thereof. Applicants also submit herewith a Declaration of the Inventors under Rule 132.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 98-129, 131, and 136-163, without prejudice, and rewrite the claims to read as follows:

97. (Amended) A polarizer, comprising a birefringent and anisotropically absorbing layer having a first refractive index that increases as the polarizable light wavelength increases at least for a certain range of wavelengths, wherein the at least one birefringent and anisotropically absorbing layer has a thickness such that an output of the polarizer coincides with an interference extremum of a linearly-polarized light component.

130. (Amended) The polarizer according to claim 97, wherein the first refractive index is directly proportional to the polarized light wavelength at least for the certain range of wavelengths.

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